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Ladies Black Jersey Suits, \$2.50.
 A large covered dish.....15 cents
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The Beautiful Queen.
 The story of "Esther the Beautiful Queen," is a very pretty one, and presented in song by competent musicians, clothed in handsome oriental costumes, it becomes doubly so. Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week, the above was ably produced at the M. E. Church, under the management of Prof. W. P. Danforth, of Aurora. Mr. Danforth deserves great credit for the manner in which he has conducted the cantata. Everyone in Dwight is busy at present and it was with great persistence on his part that the singers were induced to take part. Under the circumstances the production was a grand success, and will prove of much benefit to our singers. Such entertainments, under the instructions of such competent musicians as Prof. Danforth, also bring out new singers, and add to the efficiency of those experienced. It would be an excellent idea to continue the production of similar oratorios from time to time each year. The costumes were the subject of much favorable comment by the spectators, and the stage arrangements were very good. The program was divided into twelve divisions, which included choruses, quartets, solos and duets, all of which were well rendered. We would like to speak of each one separately, but to do justice it would take up too much space. Suffice it to say, that every feature of the entertainment passed off pleasantly, and those that took part did exceedingly well, and the audiences were convinced that Dwight has the musical ability in her midst to meet almost any emergency in that line. Below we publish the personations.

- Queen Esther.....Miss Della Pearce
 Queens Maids of Honor,
 Misses Myrtle Wheatley, Cora Baker King Ahaturus.....S. E. Houston Lord, Kings Confidential Adviser.
 A. R. Zimmerman
 Haman, Chief Prince.....D. B. Stevens Zeresh, Wife of Haman,
 Mrs. F. W. Merrill
 Zeresh's Maids of Honor,
 Misses Lizzie Winkler, Emma Barr Zeresh's Daughter.....Maud Bullock Princess of the Royal Family.
 Miss Edith Bullock
 Mordecai, Leader of the Jews,
 F. L. Evans
 Mordecai's Sister.....Mrs. D. B. Stevens Priest (Jewish).....E. E. Penn Priestess.....Miss Mable Huey Prophetess.....Miss Addie Penn Soress.....Miss Stella Flagler Hegal.....Clarence Wright Harbonah.....A. R. Zimmerman
 Miss Minnie Morgan
 Miss Estelle Baker
 Ladies of the Court
 Miss Cora Baker
 Mrs. Manning Smith
 Mrs. W. E. Penn
 Miss Nora Griffith
 Kings Scribe.....L. A. Naffziger Herald.....Prof. Danforth Courier.....Will Wright
 J. Van Eman
 Royal Guards.....Gray Stanton D. Charlton M. Bell
 Noblemen.....G. A. Morgan H. Morgan
 Kings Pages.....Masters Roy Griffith James Waters
JEWISH MAIDENS—
 Lou Pearce, Mabel Johnson, Mattie Johnson, Nellie Stewart, Simonay Baker, Maud Bullock, Ethel Watkins, Bertha Spellman, Addie Baker, Florence Trunnell.

Program for Decoration Day.
 The beautiful custom of strewing flowers on the graves of our departed heroes will be observed in a fitting manner in Dwight, May 30.
 A meeting of the following committees from the Post, W. R. C. and S. of V., Comrades Lewis, Buffham and Lockhart, Mrs. Dustin, Miss Ella Conant and Mrs. Wheatley, Brothers Dustin, Pefferman and Tambling, and several of the Corps and Post, met at the G. A. R. hall Tuesday night after the Post meeting, and perfected the necessary arrangements.
 The ladies of the Corps will meet at Sons of Veterans hall Saturday morning the 30th, and arrange the flowers. Everyone that can spare any flowers for this noble cause, is requested to notify some member of the Corps as soon as possible, or send them to the above hall Decoration Day morning.
 If the weather is pleasant the members of the three organizations and everyone interested, will meet at the halls and West Side park and proceed to the different cemeteries and decorate the graves. This will occupy most of the afternoon, and consequently the committee decided to have union memorial sermon preached on the Sabbath following, in the M. E. Church. Rev. P. M. France has kindly consented to deliver the sermon, and we are authorized to herewith invite all the ministers in Dwight to participate in the exercises.
 The invitation to participate in the exercises both days is general, and everyone in this section should be willing to devote part of Saturday and Sunday to assist in this noble work to perpetuate the memory of the noble men who spent so many days of hardships and privations for us.
 Music will be provided Saturday. A large conveyance will be provided for flowers, so that there will be no trouble in getting them out at the different cemeteries.
 On Sunday there will be no display at all. The organizations will simply march from their assembly rooms to the church or park, as the case may be, and take part in divine worship.

MATTOON AND THE TOWN COW.

Extracts from a Personal Letter from Chas. M. Moderwell.
 The above named gentleman formerly resided in Dwight, and has many friends who will be pleased to hear from him. The letter was not written for publication, but we take the liberty of publishing a few extracts from it, if we get killed for it:
 Mr. W. G. DUSTIN—Dear Sir: Was it Ben Franklin or Herschal Hagerty who made the sage remark that "Procrastination is the thief of time"? At any rate I have learned to my sorrow that the saying is a truthful one. I have said to myself a hundred times that I was going to write to you "to-morrow." Well to-morrow has become "to-day" at last, so here goes:
 I will tell you one object of this letter right at the start. From the label on the wrapper of my paper and from sundry gentle hints thrown out from week to week in the STAR and HERALD, I take it that "ye editor" has an itching palm. Hence I enclose postal note for the price of the paper, thereby satisfying my own conscience and, I hope, bring joy to the hearts of yourself and partner. [That's just what it does every time we get the price of a subscription. It don't take much to please the poor printer.—E.]
 I have very much enjoyed reading the S. and H. I am glad to see you and your partner making such a good paper of it. You deserve to be successful and I have no doubt will be.
 I am glad to see that you are booming the town. It's keeping eternally at it that wins. If all the improvements you tell about materialize I will hardly know the town if I ever get back there.
 I have been in Mattoon about two months now, but I haven't really made up my mind whether I will like it or not. While I don't expect to break down under my work I find a good deal more to do than I did at Dwight. There are three railroads here, two of them have their shops here. This makes business good and brings lots of people here to live. In some ways the town is enterprising and in others decidedly slow. They have waterworks, electric light, and gas, and yet the town hasn't a paved street. There are many pretty homes and well-kept lawns and yet (think of it) the possessors of the latter are obliged to protect them with ten-foot fences to keep out that unmitigated nuisance—the town cow. Imagine a town otherwise enterprising, conducting the municipal campaign on the town cow question! And to make the matter worse the town cow won her right to break into the front yards of unoffending citizens, etc., and etc., by something over two hundred majority, at the spring election.
 I have often wondered how this state of affairs could exist in this enterprising little city, and have come to this conclusion: When I first landed in Mattoon I asked an old resident if Mattoon was not "down in Egypt." He told me no, but that the line was the national road which runs just south of here. Now my theory of the matter is that living so close all these years to the Egyptians, the Mattoonites have unconsciously absorbed some of their spirit.
 It has been my good fortune to see one or two "shurs nuff" Egyptians. He evidently belongs to the same genus as the "cracker" of the south. He brings his whole family of wife and twelve children to town in a wagon drawn by a patient cow and a sorrowful looking mule—one that would delight the heart of Bill Nye. The number of his children is only exceeded by his dogs, all apparently in the last stages of starvation.
 I have been greatly interested to know that this part of the country is historic ground. Abraham Lincoln's father is buried a short distance from here. At Charleston I have seen the house where Old Abe used to live, and have stood on the steps of the court house of Coles county, from which he made one of his famous speeches in the great debate between himself and "Little Giant" Douglas.

WILMINGTONS WALLOPPED.

They are Like the Man Driving the Hearse, "Not in it."
 Nine very nice young gentlemen from the picnic grounds about twenty-one miles northeast of Dwight, commonly called Wilmington, arrived in town Thursday afternoon. They were laboring under a delusion that they were ball tossers from Baltosserville, but the delusion had vanished from their delusive minds in about two hours so effectually that they weren't exactly sure that they ever saw a ball. These young gentlemen in question were met at the depot by a few Dwight boys that "knock up and catch" once and a while, and escorted to the grounds with a big bass and little tenor drums. The boys have fixed up the grounds, and now the grand stand is directly in rear of the catcher's position and is covered with wire in front and boards on top. It resembles one of the cages in Lincoln Park, Chicago, which are used to keep ladies and gentlemen with extended caudle appendages from Central Africa. But laying all jokes aside, the pavillion is very comfortable and safe, and our people are much pleased with the accommodations.
 Mr. Webb, a tall, very positive gentleman who cures the sick—sometimes—in the picnic grounds, said "play ball," and the rest of it was done something like this. A dollar was tossed up for choice and the Wilmingtons won and sent the Dwight boys to the bat.
 First inning—The Mayor's son, Mr. Bones Thompson, took a position at the home plate with his club high in the air and looked for a good ball. He found the second one and when it stopped Bones was at 1st; he stole 2nd and got 3d on a wild throw. Orr. Lower went to 1st on a hit to right, Bones scored. A large gentleman, resembling John L. Sullivan, named Rabe, hit the poor ball a terrible rap and went to 2d, Lower scored. Ame Orr sacrificed and Rabe trotted in. A gentleman who builds harness during the week, named Reeb, seemed to have a grudge against the ball by the way he wacked it, and then took 2d. Frank Snyder, of the C. & A. road, followed with another 2-bagger just as easy as selling a box of flax, and Reeb came in. Snyder got out at 3d, and the Dwight's had four runs to their credit.
 Mr. Carroll, a good-looking young gentleman from W., was presented with the 1st base by Pitcher Orr. Mr. Fullerton ditto. J. Keeley is no jay, he hit the ball hard and high; too high for Mr. Durphy, and the bases were filled. Mr. Orr took sight over his left arm and kicked a little and proceeded to make holes in the air and strike out Messrs. Thompson and Mills, a tall and a short man from Wilmington. Then Ed. Reeb got in his work on a nice foul from the bat of C. Keeley, and the bases were still full, but no runs.
 Second inning—Ketcham fanned, Durphy flew out to Mills, who made a nice running catch, and Bones hammered the air. No runs.
 Murphy hit to Jim Thompson and went out at 1st, Moore got 1st base on balls. Clarence Rabe, substitute for Wilmington hit a little one and got to 1st, but forced Moore out at second. Carroll hit a two-bagger and Rabe scored. Fullerton hit a nice fly to left, but Frank Snyder took hold of it as if it was a big ten cent piece for a big red apple, and the man was out. One run.
 Third inning—Lower hit to pitcher, out at 1st; Reeb hit to center for a base and Orr followed with another base hit. Rabe pounded out a 2-bagger and Reeb and Orr crossed the home plate. Jim Thompson sacrificed and Rabe came in. Snyder fouled out. Three runs.
 J. Keeley made base hit, but was forced out at second, Thompson getting first. Mills first on balls; C. Keeley fanned; Murphy made good hit to center field which was juggled by Ketcham and thrown wild, and Thompson and Mills scored; Moore out at first. Two runs.
 Fourth inning—Ketcham and Durphy failed to get first, and Bones fanned. No runs.
 C. Rabe fanned; Carroll followed suit. Fuller hit easy one to Bones—too easy; he got first. J. Keeley ended the inning by popping up a fly to Lower. This man Lower nails everything. He's a carpenter.
 Fifth inning—Lower hit a stunner to center for a base and perlined second; Reeb fanned; Lower stole third. Orr sacrificed and Lower came in. Rabe hit for a base, J. Thompson followed suit. Rabe came home on muff by catcher, and Snyder fanned. Two runs.
 Thompson hit an easy one to Orr, out at first; Mills and C. Keeley succumbed to Orr's curves.
 Sixth inning—Ketcham hit easy, out at first; Durphy hit nice one for a base and went to third on wild c. b. Bones flew to Rabe who kindly muffed and Durphy scored. Lower base hit and Bones scored. Reeb fouled to third baseman. Lower stole to third but got caught at home. Two runs.
 Murphy flew to Orr, Moore fanned, and Rabe's pop up to Farmer Thompson ended the inning.
 Seventh inning—This inning was a

blank for both sides. Orr fanned and Rabe and Jim T. popped up easy ones to first base and short stop.

Carroll hit a nice fly to Ketcham who made a place for it that resembled a market basket, and it was lost from sight. Fullerton popped up to Duck Rabe and J. Keeley hit to Lower.
 Eighth inning—Snyder out at first; Ketcham got second. Durphy and Bones base hits, bases full. Lower hit to pitcher, forced Ketcham out, at home. Reeb hit to pitcher, out at first.
 Thompson went to first on balls and Mills made a base hit. C. Keeley hit hard to left, Thompson and Mills scoring. Murphy lined one to Jim Thompson who threw to first and caught Thompson, double play. Moore was touched at home plate after fanning.
 Ninth inning—Orr got first and third on wild throw; Rabe out to pitcher, J. Thompson fanned but got first, Orr scored. Snyder fanned, Jim scored and Ketcham fanned. Two runs.
 Three little pop ups ended the game. C. Rabe to Thompson, Carroll to Duck, and Fullerton to Lower.
 Following is the score by innings:
 Dwight..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 Wilmington..... 4 0 2 0 2 0 0 2—5
 John Dunlop took in about \$23 at the gate and if the game had been called at 1 o'clock would have done better, but the W's did not come as agreed.

A Complete Steam Laundry.

Probably the most extensive business enterprise that has been inaugurated in Dwight for some time, is the steam laundry on Mazon avenue, one door west of the STAR and HERALD office. The building is 24x70, two stories high, and all occupied. A. W. Barr and Chet Gould conceived the idea several months ago that such an institution would be a paying venture and supply a demand for better facilities than the wash-tub and board afforded. These young gentlemen proceeded to carry out their ideas and at once procured a lease of the large Keppinger building for a number of years and purchased them machinery.
 On the first floor in front is a neatly furnished office where all the business is transacted. In rear of the office is the engine and wash room. The power is furnished from a Westinghouse 5-horse power engine and 6-horse power boiler. The machinery as good as any made, and perfectly safe and reliable. A large Empire washer, with a capacity of sixty shirts every two and a half hours, is situated in this room. Also a line of stationary tubs supplied with hot and cold water pipes. The Empire wringer near the washer, is a novelty and works to a charm and has about the same capacity as the washer. The gas machine and motor is also in this room, and is a great convenience. In rear the proprietors have caused to be built a large soft water cistern which supplies the water for washing and insures the safety of flannels, etc. The soap is also manufactured here and is perfectly pure and free from all ingredients that injure clothes.
 The second floor is occupied for drying purposes, ironing, starching, sorting out. The drying room in the northeast corner is 10x20, and heated by the improved Mosher laundry stove. The sorting room is directly in front of the heat-room. The combined shirt and collar machine, with a capacity of 600 shirts per day, occupies considerable space. It does it work quickly and neat. The polishing roller is heated by gas, as is also the neck and wristband ironer and collar and cuff shaper. This latter is a novelty and will fix up a shirt in order. The Universal shirt, collar and cuff starchers are also in use. Four large tables are almost constantly in use for hand work.
 We were shown through this large establishment by Mr. E. H. Dame, the very accommodating and pleasant agent of the Empire Laundry Machine Co., who explained the workings of the different labor saving machines. Mr. D. has superintended the erection and equipment of many steam laundries, and he informs us that the Dwight laundry is one of the most complete in the country, and is provided with the finest and most complete modern machinery. He has everything in first class running order, now and will leave for Chicago soon. The house he represents is the largest of the kind in the world. The machinery is manufactured in Watertown, Mass. The company has branch houses in all the principal cities in the country.
 Barr & Gould employ from eight to twelve people, and when their establishment is run full force, will turn out from \$250 to \$300 worth of work each week. These enterprising gentlemen have invested a large amount of capital in this plant, and their enterprise is deserving the patronage of the people of Dwight and surrounding country.

Pleasant Entertainment.

The first entertainment under the auspices of the Bi-Chloride of Gold Club was given last Saturday evening in Keppinger's hall. There were present about 200 of Dr. Keeley's patients, who were delighted with a program made up exclusively from their own talent. There were original songs, poems, and organ and guitar solos. The entertainment was of a spontaneous character, and in spite of the fact that there was but one or two days' preparation, each number on the program was well rendered. It is the intention of the members of the club to give similar entertainments to the patients from time to time, and in each case they are certain to be enjoyable affairs, the large number of patients now present offering an unusual variety of talent from which to make selections.

Commencement Exercises.

Following is the program of the commencement exercises, to be held at the M. E. Church, Tuesday evening, May 26, 1891, at 8 o'clock. The class of '91 is as follows: Misses Minnie E. Barr, Mildred Gould, R. May Morris, Marcella A. Ferguson, Maggie E. Kern and Fred de Clercq.
PROGRAM.
 Orchestra, Grand Selection, "Nanon"
 Prayer.....REV. P. M. FRANCE
 Salutatory and Essay.....MINNIE BARR
 Orchestra, "Nellie Waltz".....Petee Essay.....MILDRED GOULD
 Vocal Solo.....CORA ADAMS
 Essay.....R. MAY MORRIS
 Orchestra, Grand Selection "Erminnie"
 Essay.....FERROZZI
 Essay.....MARCELLA A. FERGUSON
 Orchestra, "Wedding Polonaise".....Valedictory and Essay, MAGGIE KERN
 Vocal Duet.....A. LENTER
 Essay.....FRED B. DE CLERCQ
 Orchestra, "Bohemian Girl".....Ballet Valedictory and Essay, MAGGIE KERN
 Presentation of the Diplomas.....MISS CORA ADAMS MRS. D. B. STEVENS
 Presentation of the Diplomas.....ORCHESTRA, "Norwegian Peasant Life"
 Benediction.....REV. P. W. MERRILL

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